# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The city of Faith, South Dakota, can boast of a proud heritage of honest, hardworking, friendly citizens and neighbors who will gather to celebrate the history of their community as it spans the past 100 years; and,

***Whereas***, On July 4, 1910, Clay Robinson delivered a rousing, patriotic oration in Jim Flannery's saloon, and while the content of that speech is lost to us, his words kindled a spirit over the next three days that raised $53,000 from the sale of lots in Faith; and,

***Whereas***, Faith was named after the daughter of one of the Milwaukee Railroad's principle stockholders, Nelson Rockefeller, and, in 1940, she secretly visited her namesake community, leaving behind a $100 donation to the city; and,

***Whereas***, The city of Faith's first school was constructed the first year of its inception, and Miss Ida Syles became the first teacher; and,

***Whereas***, In 2008, Faith was proud to host the traveling exhibit, "A T-Rex Named Sue", receiving visitors from 47 states and 15 countries; and,

***Whereas***, Improvements to the city over the past 100 years include a new mall, swimming pool, paved streets, fairgrounds grandstand, sports complex, two city buildings for public safety and community center, and an airport, to name a few; and,

***Whereas***, The residents of Faith and the surrounding area will join with businesses, neighbors, friends, and families from near and far on August 10-15, 2010, to commemorate and celebrate the community's 100th Anniversary:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 10-15, 2010, as

## *FAITH CENTENNIAL DAYS*

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State